

end of the war he began working in a clothing factory producing men's suits. He met his wife on the pocket set of the factory, marrying in 1944. Mr. Gubitosi has worked tirelessly his entire life tailoring, bartending, and landscaping, and notably commuting by bus in every type of weather. Since 2000, Mr. Gubitosi has called Florida home. Our great state is lucky to have Mr. Gubitosi as a resident and I am thankful for his service and sacrifice.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

### HON. TOM O'HALLERAN

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, November 3, 2021*

Mr. O'HALLERAN. Madam Speaker, unfortunately, on November 2, 2021, I was unable to vote on H.R. 4481, the Small Business 7(a) Loan Agent Transparency Act. I would have voted in favor of H.R. 4481.

#### RECOGNIZING VINSON CHAPEL AME'S 100TH YEAR OF SERVICE

### HON. ANDY LEVIN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, November 3, 2021*

Mr. LEVIN of Michigan. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Vinson Chapel African Methodist Episcopal Church which is celebrating its 100th year of service to the community of Clinton Charter Township, Michigan.

Vinson Chapel AME is one of Macomb County's historic Black congregations, growing out of a prayer group first organized by Lewis and Betty Vinson in 1921. The members initially met in the Vinson family's home. Soon, the budding congregation moved to an outdoor tent to accommodate a larger prayer group. After conducting services in different spaces over the years, the congregation joyfully arrived on Sunday, May 22, 1977 to their current sanctuary on Quinn Road in Clinton Township.

Over the decades, Vinson Chapel AME has established itself as an important spiritual center in Macomb County, going above and beyond to serve congregants as well as the greater community. The congregation has organized countless reading programs, educational workshops, voting drives, Census drives, and so much more. Most recently, when the COVID-19 pandemic interrupted in-person services, the church adapted to virtual livestreams to keep the congregation safe and prevent the spread of the virus. Under the determined leadership of Reverend Twylla Lucas, the church rose to meet the additional needs of the community in this challenging moment, organizing vaccination clinics and distributing essential supplies.

I am proud to have the honor of recognizing this important centennial for the Vinson Chapel African Methodist Episcopal Church. I encourage my colleagues to join me in congratulating Vinson Chapel AME on one hundred years of ministry and service.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

### HON. KATHLEEN M. RICE

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, November 3, 2021*

Miss RICE of New York. Madam Speaker, I was necessarily absent from votes on Tuesday, November 2, 2021. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 348.

#### HONORING AIREEN SNYDER AS IOWAN OF THE WEEK

### HON. CYNTHIA AXNE

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, November 3, 2021*

Mrs. AXNE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to ask the House of Representatives to join me in recognizing Aireen Snyder, a community leader and President of the Filipino American Association of Iowa, as Iowan of the Week.

Diversity is one of the greatest strengths of our state, with people from all different backgrounds coming together to form an incredible community in Iowa. There is no better way to celebrate this diversity than with Filipino Heritage Month and Aireen Snyder, who has worked tirelessly to promote the values of community and diversity throughout our state.

Arriving in Iowa from the Philippines in 2008, Aireen quickly became involved with the thriving Filipino community. She has played an active role in the Filipino American Association, chairing several committees, editing the newsletter and now is President. Perhaps most impressive was her leadership in creating a Filipino Language class. With language being such a valuable aspect of culture, Aireen developed an entire curriculum and worked with Des Moines Area Community College to host a course that was very well attended.

Aireen holds a great amount of pride for the history and legacy of the Filipino American Association of Iowa. The association formed in 1975 with the goal of promoting and enhancing cultural and heritage awareness of the Philippines among Iowans. This important mission is carried out through a variety of events and initiatives. For example, as President, Aireen has overseen the humanitarian and charitable aid that the association offers to its community, including legal assistance and college scholarships. Most notably, the organization raised \$14,000 following the "super typhoon" in the Philippines. The funds were used to support a variety of non-profit organizations in the country, including the Filipino Red Cross.

Community events are also an important aspect of the Filipino American Association of Iowa and Aireen's work as president. Events range from Christmas parties, parol lantern making, and most recently the Des Moines "Celebrasian" hosted by the Iowa Asian Alliance. The association proudly hosted three booths featuring Filipino food, clothing and traditions.

With nearly 5,000 Filipino Americans residing in Iowa, it is only fitting that we honor such an impactful leader and community builder, Aireen Snyder, for Filipino Heritage month. Her commitment to her culture and home

country is a testament to the beautiful diversity in Iowa that makes our state stronger. I am humbled and inspired by Aireen's work for the Filipino community of Iowa. It is my honor to name her Iowan of the Week.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

### HON. JIM COSTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, November 3, 2021*

Mr. COSTA. Madam Speaker, due to a medical issue, I missed votes on the passage of H.R. 4481, the Small Business 7(a) Loan Agent Transparency Act, H.R. 4531, the 7(a) Loan Agent Oversight Act, and H.R. 4515, the Small Business Development Center Cyber Training Act of 2021. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 351, Roll Call No. 352, and Roll Call No. 353.

#### IN RECOGNITION OF THE CARR CENTER

### HON. RASHIDA TLAIB

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, November 3, 2021*

Ms. TLAIB. Madam Speaker, today I rise to recognize the Carr Center in Detroit, Michigan as they celebrate thirty years of preserving, presenting, promoting, and developing African and African-American cultural arts traditions within our multicultural community in southeastern Michigan.

Founded in 1991 as the Arts League of Michigan, the Carr Center has worked to fulfill its mission of bringing artistic excellence with a wide array of programming to the communities of Detroit. Building upon its initial creative placemaking, the Carr Center has become a destination and hub for the performing arts in Detroit.

In order to bring outstanding artistry to the community, the Carr Center has implemented three pillars of programming—Carr Center Presents and Carr Center Contemporary focus on performing and visual arts, while the Carr Center Arts Academy offers in-school and intensive summer arts education opportunities.

Please join me in recognizing the Carr Center's numerous contributions to southeastern Michigan over the past three decades as we wish them well in the years to come. Carr Center is a true gem in the communities of Michigan's 13th District Strong.

#### CORRECTING ROLLING STONE MAGAZINE'S DEFAMATORY STATEMENTS

### HON. PAUL A. GOSAR

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, November 3, 2021*

Mr. GOSAR. Madam Speaker, I rise today to address the malicious, false, and defamatory statements printed in Rolling Stone Magazine about me.

Every statement about me in the October 24 article was false or misleading. Moreover, the

author knew they were malicious and false when he made them.

For example, the author lies and says that I offered “blanket pardons” for unknown people for crimes that had not yet occurred. First, there is no such thing as a “blanket pardon.” The author states that a “blanket pardon” can be used to convey legal immunity on a person forever in perpetuity, presumably for any crime including murder or arson. It is ridiculous to say this, but he did in fact write this, and he knew no such thing occurred and nothing like that exists. Rolling Stone did this to defame me and make it look like I was planning for violence on January 6. This is malice.

My work on pardons is a public record on file with the National Archives. For example, I wrote letters to the White House and the Office of Pardons on behalf of Stephen Bannon, former Congressman Rick Renzi, and for members of We Build the Wall. The President in fact granted pardons to Mr. Bannon and Mr. Renzi. But these pardons pertained to specific allegations in a criminal complaint or an actual conviction. These are not “blanket” pardons that forgive a person of all crimes forever, like a Papal indulgence.

The author and Rolling Stone Magazine falsely claim I planned for violence by merely attending a rally on January 6 or lending public support for this speech prior to January 6. Or by speaking out on the floor of the House under the Electoral Count Act. These allegations and statements are false, defamatory, and malicious. There is no evidence of this

because it never happened. To conflate support for election integrity, and support for the President to speak, with support for violence is false and defamatory. To then claim I planned the violence and did so to such a degree I was inducing people to commit violence with the prospect of the mythical “blanket pardon” is beyond the pale defamatory.

At this time Rolling Stone refuses to issue a correction. Indeed, it published a follow up article on October 26 doubling down on its malicious defamation.

I continue to demand a retraction. And an apology.

Rolling Stone Magazine has a history of lying and defamation. It's ivermectin story turned out to be pure fiction. So is this one about me.

Since it refuses to correct the story, retract it publicly with a full apology, I will be investigating legal options. The malicious lies this magazine has spread went viral and I received hate mail, death threats, and opprobrium across the country by people who believe what this author wrote. I will not accept this.

#### SENATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Title IV of Senate Resolution 4, agreed to by the Senate of February 4, 1977, calls for establishment of a system for a computerized schedule of all meetings and hearings of Senate committees, subcommittees, joint committees, and committees of conference.

This title requires all such committees to notify the Office of the Senate Daily Digest—designated by the Rules Committee—of the time, place and purpose of the meetings, when scheduled and any cancellations or changes in the meetings as they occur.

As an additional procedure along with the computerization of this information, the Office of the Senate Daily Digest will prepare this information for printing in the Extensions of Remarks section of the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD on Monday and Wednesday of each week.

Meetings scheduled for Thursday, November 4, 2021 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

#### MEETINGS SCHEDULED

##### NOVEMBER 16

10 a.m.

Committee on the Judiciary

To hold an oversight hearing to examine the Department of Homeland Security.  
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##### NOVEMBER 17

10 a.m.

Committee on Environment and Public Works

To hold hearings to examine the nomination of Martha Williams, of Montana, to be Director of the United States Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior.

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